

Boston March 22 - 1835

Dear Aunt Mary - I suppose you will like to know what we have been doing here since Anne left - so proceed in short hand to tell you - after Anne left - all was quiet till noon when Mary Harris called to see me to enquire in behalf of Miss Martha Bushing who was leaving the Andrews school & wished to know if we wished a French & Italian Teacher - she was a perfection so Mrs Robbins assured me & very pious - & very gifted & very beautiful - she was her bride maid - I told her of course that we had no situation for her with us - but I thought joyfully of my friend George Paton & thought that it might be quite providential - I told Mary that I knew of a most eligible situation - & she snatched at it eagerly - she said that Miss B. had a very good offer at Brighton of a small school where she would get three hundred a year - just what she has been receiving at the Andrews - mean - was it not? - Miss Bushing was to decide upon the Brighton affair in the course of a day or two - I asked if she drew - but was sorry to hear she did not - also her orthodoxy



might interfere - I told Mary that the  
school was Unitarian and in the neigh-  
borhood of an orthodox - opposition -  
this appeared to shock her - but she said  
she would bring Miss Bushing to see me -  
I went into school in the afternoon  
& staid there till five - then I was  
summoned down - to see ladies - I opened  
the Parlor door & there sat regarding  
each other like Jacob's sons - first Deborah  
in the midst looking like a baited  
bear - on the sofa Sarah Ann & the  
Percivals - next in a chair Sylvia Am-  
midon - then Ann Moorfield (who  
came to pass the afternoon & evening)  
with her things on - then on the  
other side Mary Robbins & Miss Bushing  
was not this though, I consigned Ann-  
Moorfield to Sophia Sevenport  
who took her off to the school room  
left the others to Selma & I sat myself  
down by Miss Bushing & greatly did I  
admire her - she is really a very fine  
striking person handsome well dressed -  
perfect as she did not scruple to aver  
in French Ital & Latin - would teach  
all else but drawing - she seemed to affect  
the situation much - Fears that her religious  
views need not she should think affect her  
influence in the school she had before



taught unitarians - I assured - her that to  
Mr B - himself it would make no differ-  
ence - I did not know that it would  
with any one but if as I suspected there  
was a violent party spirit there - it might  
be thought impudent for both - I thought  
the drawing - would be the greatest hin-  
drance - Mrs B inquired if she could  
not learn enough in three weeks to  
begin - I told her I thought she might  
if she worked all the time - I think I  
could have done it - Mrs Bushings son soime  
put in - but Mrs Robbins stifled it - all the  
scholars at Springfield are beginners - I told  
her I should see Mr B - in the evening  
& then would inquire whether there  
would be insuperable objections  
whether he would pretermit Drawing  
& make a reduction of salary &c. -  
Mrs B - told me that if I would not  
consider it intrusive she would call  
at half past eight in the morning  
to learn the result - so they went -  
Ann was with us at tea - and George  
came in the evening - we had the vigor  
of the game and I liked George more  
than ever & wondered more than ever  
he was perfectly enchanted at the prospect  
of Mrs Bushings but - felt bad about the draw-  
ing & worse about the orthodoxy - he could



have got over either alone <sup>March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1833</sup> - but he was  
disturbed by both - he said he would not  
think of enquiring her sentiments if he  
could be sure she would not think it her  
duty to teach them & preach them I told  
him of course her sentiments would be  
known for she would go to the Epis-  
tox church - that of course he said  
he could not think it would make  
any difference - but if there should  
be a broil about it - it would be as  
unpleasant for her as for him - I  
told him he must decide, for she was  
coming at half past eight in the morning  
to learn the result of my conference with him  
he wanted time to consult Mr Peabody at  
Springfield I invited him to come in  
the morning & see Mrs C - & he glad-  
ly embraced the offer - he rose in the  
morning & breakfasted early - & then  
Chas Cushing came - I told her that  
I was "gratia I've done wrong" but that  
the Gem man would be upon her in a  
moment she seemed very glad of it  
Mr Eaton came & I introduced Chas  
C - & left them together in a half an  
hour I interrupted them & put in some  
amalgam - It was going on well - they  
both behaved beautifully - & the case stands  
thus Mr Eaton with engage Chas Cushing without

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